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Obſervations on Mr. DALE's *new Edition of his* PHARMACOLOGIA.

THE prodigious Trumpery of bad books, impoſed upon the publick on the one hand; the manifold and frequent defects and blemiſhes in good books, on the other; are ſad grievances to the Commonwealth of Learning. As for bad books, I muſt own, many of them are good enough for thoſe who buy them; and the injury offered, is very inſignificant: but, as for books of real worth, the faults committed in them are altogether vexing and grievous. For the Learned are diſappointed in their expectations, and the ignorant induced into errors, and fatal miſtakes. Whenever therefore ſuch faults appear conſiderable, it were meet, thoſe who firſt diſcover them, would uſe the propereſt means to prevent their ſpreading further. But there are two occaſions, when it ſeems abſolutely neceſſary to do ſo. 1ſt, When it concern Books of general uſe in Arts and Sciences, and univerſally received, and referred to, by perſons of certain profeſſions. 2d, When ſuch books have met with an extraordinary approbation, and no contradiction: in which latter caſe, eſpecially, we may depend, the Author will never be apprized of his own miſtakes, and the vulgar will never ſuſpect them.

Theſe conſiderations have engaged me to publiſh a few *Remarks* I have made on a book that bears all the characters juſt mentioned. It is Mr. DALE's *Pharmacologia*, lately reprinted for the third time, having firſt appeared about forty four years ſince. Time enough to mend, reviſe, enlarge, and correct! all which the Author aſſures us, in his *Preface*, he has done. And I grant, the *Additions* are many and good; but I am ſure, the *Corrections* are few and ſmall, ſince I find the moſt conſiderable faults remaining ſtill, and others added to them. No doubt, this muſt ſurpriſe many, and particularly the Author; who ſeems to have been too ſecure of Fame, and prepoſſeſſed by applauſe: for he mentions the great call for his Book, and the various Editions of it, both abroad and at home, as authentic proofs of its being much admired among the Learned. I grant it. But I am ſorry, theſe teſtimonies ſhould entertain prejudices; and I hope it is hereby evident, how neceſſary it may be to remove them. However, I would not, on the other hand, prejudice the Author in any reſpect. His Learning, Induſtry, Underſtanding, Abilities, and Integrity, I nevertheleſs acknowledge; and his Work, the product of much labour and application; and of very great ſervice. And it is to be wiſhed, ſome able and ingenuous perſon, ſince the Author is too advanced in years to think of it himſelf, may be truſted with the care of making all the improvements, it may ſtill receive, without doing injury to his name.

I. The firſt thing to be taken notice of, altho' it concerns not the Work, is the paper: which is very white indeed, but ſo wretchedly ſoaking, that there is no writing the leaſt tittle on it. This I find a great inconvenience, as I ſuppoſe others muſt, who love to correct faults of printing, or to write occaſional *Annotations*.

II. In the *Preface* the Author warns us, that, whatever was to be found before in the *Supplement*, is now reſtored to its proper place. To this indeed I have found but one exception, which is the *Haddock*, that I find quite left out. And nevertheleſs here is an *Appendix*, full as troubleſome, as the *Supplements*. But theſe, I own, are almoſt unavoidable miſchances. N. B. There is beſides this the *Omiſſa*, at the very end of all.

III. The Simples are in no part ſpoken of, in the ſame *Order*, as they are placed in their correſponding *Tables*. This, I imagine, the Author thought very indifferent, and, perhaps a ſuperfluous nicety: but I believe thoſe, who have a mind to peruſe the book, will find it a material fault, and a great inconvenience to them.

IV. Moſt of the *Tables* are very deficient, and ſometimes the *Sections*; but, what is worſt of all, there are ſeveral unaccountable tranſpoſitions in both. Some of theſe defects I have obſerved in the *Zoology*: but, as I am not ſo well acquainted with that part of *Natural Hiſtory*, neither with the *Mineralogia*, as I am with the *Phytologia*; I can anſwer for no other than this latter: which, for the ſame reaſon alſo, I have more ſcrupulouſly examined, and ſhall therefore enter into ſome particulars upon. As follows.

Pag. 52. You meet with the *Phytologiæ Tabula generalis*, and are ſtruck, at firſt ſight, with four or five blunders of the printer: *Sect.* 6. and *Sect.* 23. twice following; *Sect.* 13. before *Sect.* 12; *Sect.* 7. inſtead of 8. and in the *Claſs* of *Trees*, *Sect.* 6. inſtead of 4. But theſe would not be worth mentioning, if they were not followed by others after: for, in running over the *Sections* in the Book, you will ſee, pag. 62. begin the *Herbæ ſemine minutiſſimo*, &c. EPIPHYLLOSPERMAE: which have no mark of *Sect.* altho' by the *General Table* it be the III. Thence the other *Sections* are falſly numbered; and at laſt you find two *Sections* more than in the *Table*, 27 inſtead of 25, in his IId *Claſs of Plants*.

Pag. 135, The *Herbæ a perifoliæ* are placed before the *Verticillatæ*, in an inverſe order to the *Table*: and ſo pag. 311 and 326. the *Arbores Bacciferæ* and *Pomiferæ*, likewiſe. Pag. 134. There is an APPENDIX, *De Herbis, quibus terna ſingulis floribus ſuccedunt ſemina*, which ſhould have been noted in the *General Table*; and is ſo in Mr RAY's *Hiſt. Pl.* whence this is taken. Pag. 198. The *Herbæ Valeuliferæ flore tripetalo*: and, pag. 240. the *Herbæ Hexapetalæ* are alſo forgotten in the ſaid *Table*.

Thus far I have run through the errors relating only to the *General Table* of *Plants*. I ſhall now go on, in the ſame manner, with the *Particular Tables*, joining each Section.

V. The METHOD is the glorious Mr. RAY's, which I prefer, with our Author, to all others: and if he had been contented to prefix theſe *Tables*, juſt as he found them, I ſhould have had nothing to ſay. But, ſince he has altered ſomething, or other, in them all; I cannot paſs it by. One thing only I muſt deſire the Reader would remember, which is, that I ſhall not quarrel with the Author, for any thing, that relates to the fitneſs of *things* themſelves; but ſhall blame, whatever only is contrary to the deſign, uſe, and method of the Book itſelf alone: becauſe I am perſuaded, ſome things are not quite right in Mr. RAY's *Method*, and I know others are diſputable in *Botany*; all which would be matter for a Controverſy, I cannot, and would not, take upon me at preſent.

1ſt, The firſt thing to be obſerved, is *That the Tables are not adapted to the Sections*. Abundance of Simples are wanting in the *Tables*, and, ſome very few, by the printer's fault: on the contrary, ſome few there are inſerted, that ſhould not be there. But take me right. I do not miſtake *Genus's* for *Species*. For all thoſe who are acquainted with *Method*, know, that *Tables* are formed only to ſet forth, and point at, the *Generical* characters of Plants. I think, there is not one *Table*, where never a one Simple is lacking; but there are ſeveral, where near half the Simples, mentioned in the *Sections*, are wanting. Catalogues of this I can produce, whenever it ſhall be deſired.—But inſtances of *Species* wrongfully put in, being not ſo numerous, I think proper to give. 1ſt. In the TABLE of *Umbelliferous* Plants; *Selinum*, *Siſon*, *Ammi*, *Anomum*, and *Panax*. 2d. In the TABLE of *Bacciferous Herbs*; *Dulcamara*: where, by the bye, if he had made the *Hippoglоſſum* and *Laurus Alexandr.* two Species of *Ruſcus*, inſtead of three different *Genus's*, I think he had done better; or, at leaſt then, if he had made three ſeparate articles of them in the *Section*. 3d, In the TABLE *De Herbis, floribus tetrapetalis*; *Sophia Chirurgerum*, and *Coronopus*. 4th, and laſt, In the TABLE *De Arboribus, fructu per maturitatem ſicco*; *Lignum Sanctum*.

2d, *There are ſome monſtrous Tranſpoſitions*: as 1ſt, pag 186, the *Herbæ tetrapetaloïdes vaſculiferæ*; and pag. 187, the *pentapetaloïdes vaſculiferæ*. Theſe come in prepoſterouſly between the *Monopetalæ vaſculiferæ uniformes* and *diſformes*; and beſides, they are neither diſtinguiſhed in *Sections* apart, nor characteriſed by *Tables*. 2d, Pag. 199. The *Veronica* and *Becabunga*, which were claſſed in the *Tetrapetaloïdes* juſt mentioned, are put in here among the *Tetrapetalous ſiliculoſæ anomalæ*: and pag. 228, the *Lyſimachia*, *Anagallis*. *Centaur. min. Verbaſcum*, *Trifolium paludos. Lujula*, *Paralyſis*, &c. which were ranked before among the *Pentapetaloïdes* here mentioned, are finally claſſed among the *Pentapetalous*. 3d, Pag. 329. The *Piſtacia*, *Buxus*, and *Coffee*, are put in the *Table* here, which are deſcribed long before in different *Sect.* viz. the *Buxus*, pag. 281, *Piſtachia*, 283, and the *Coffee*, pag. 317, under the new name of *Taſſwinoides*. 4th, Pag. 334, the *Platanus* is here deſcribed in the Ninth *Sect.* while it belonged certainly to the Second, of *Trees*. 5th, Pag. 179, the *Vinca Pervinca* is deſcribed in its right place; but is afterwards inſerted in a wrong *Table*, and under a different name, viz. *Clematis Daphnïdes*. 6th, Pag. 228, the definition of a *Pentapetaloid* Flower muſt be ſent back to pag. 187. 7th, Pag. 235. the *Sedum minus* is unjuſtly removed from the *Illecebra*, pag. 175. 8th, Pag. 237. *Pyrola* is in the right *Sect.* but afterwards, pag. 247, in a wrong *Table*. 9th, Our Author has left the *Arum*, *Dracontium*, and *Ariſarum*, among the *Bulboſis affines*, as they ſtand in RAY's *Hiſt. Plant.* but he ſhould have remembered, they are, upon ſecond thoughts, much better placed among the *Bacciferæ*, in his *Method. Plant. emend.* &c. *vide*.

3d, *Confuſions of names are not taken care of in many places*. Thus in the CLASS of *Umbelliferous* alone, you meet with Five *Seſeli's* of different *Genus's*, viz. two of them entituled *Maſſilienſe*, and *Offic.* the *Creticum Æthiopicum*, and *Vulgare*: not to mention the *Peloponnenſe*, which our Author makes a *Species* of *Cicuta*. There are two *Pyrethrum's Offic.* one in this CLASS, and the other in that of the *Corymbiferous*. Two *Rhamnus's*, two *Acacia's*, two *Umbilicus Veneris*, two *Scolymus's*, two *Ambroſia's*, two *Lyſimachia's*, two *Spina Alba*, *Offic.* &c. It is a troubleſome thing in *Botany*, that different Authors have applied the ſame name to ſeveral different Plants; but it is a fault every one can, and ought, to avoid for his own ſelf, by taking only one, and putting the reſt among *Synonyma's*. But our Author has not obſerved this; nor remembered every where to put at the head of all, the name he approves of beſt, which is always ſuppoſed to be the Author's.

The remainder in our next.

The INSIPID TRIUMVIRI, (*occaſioned by a late* Political ODE, 1733) *written by a* deceaſed Author, *and communicated by* A. O.

Favete linguis: Carmina non priùs
Audita, Muſarum Sacerdos,
Virginibus puerisque canto. HOR.

Three Lyric Bards of that inſpired race,
Who ruin Printers, and our Tongue diſgrace;
Tho' PHOEBUS and their ſtars averſe, in ſpight,
Make Engliſh *Odes*, who cannot Engliſh write:
Belov'd by Grocers, patroniz'd by Cooks,
Who crown their Verſe with paſte, to circulate their Books.

FLATMAN with grov'ling Muſe the firſt aroſe,
Whoſe flights in *Ode*, ſunk beneath humble proſe:
So well his numbers with his name agree,
The firſt great Type of CIBBER's Poetry.

TOM. DURFY next in Sonnets blithe and Trillos,
Wrote *Hum hum hums! Derry downs!* and gay *Twandillos!*
The Laurel wreath he claim'd; 'twas not his doom,
Reſerv'd for ſolid Dullneſs yet to come.

Thy penſion'd Lyre, O BAYS, for Projects ſtrung,
Warbles forth *Odes*, not to be ſaid, nor ſung:
Sternholdian Hymns more artful in their way,
Tho' tag'd with *ekes, for ever, and for aye.*

But well thy Numbers would ſome Schemes adorn,
As ſtupid, dull, as much the publick ſcorn:
RECITATIVE *excis'd!* — Thus Party merit
Supplys defects of Language, Wit, and Spirit.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 3. Tho. Southall Le Grand, Eſq; has reſign'd his place of Page of honour to his royal highneſs. *LP.*

The ſervants at his royal highneſs's houſe in St. James's-ſquare, have receiv'd orders to ſuffer no ſtrangers to ſee the apartments. *LP.*

The rev. Mr. Inglis, ſon to John Inglis, M. D. newly admitted into holy orders, goes with his Excellency Edw. Trelawney, Eſq; to Jamaica. *LP.*

Geo. Dennis, Eſq; repreſentative of Liskard in Cornwall, was elected Mayor there *Oct.* 15. *DA.*

We hear the perſon who had obtain'd the Tickets for the Lord Mayor's Feaſt, having ask'd pardon on his knees, &c. his Lordſhip has been pleas'd to diſcharge

him from confinement. *LP.* —— We hear, *that the account of this perſon's having* taken a Gentleman's ſword, &c. *inſerted in the* LP. Oct. 31. *was* all invention.

Mr. Dan. Wood, watch-maker, is going to Lisbon, where he is to have a ſalary of 250l. per ann. from the King of Portugal. *LP.*

Yeſterday Ann Mounckton and Sam. Kilburn were convicted before Col. De Veil, for ſelling ſpirituous liquors; the firſt pay'd the forfeit, and the laſt was committed. *LP. G.* —— Some fellows having bought ſome Gin of a woman in the Strand, and a conſtable having laid hold of her, ſhe cry'd out *Informers*; on which the mob caught one of the Informers, dragg'd him through the ſtreets, made water in a pot, and pour'd it down his throat, &c. *LP.*

On friday 40,000 ounces of ſilver coin were entered for Holland. *LP.*

Died, yeſterday, Mr. Sheers, Maſter-cook to his royal highneſs the Prince. *DA.* —— Mr. Burgoin, ſub-brigadier to the 3d troop of Life-guards, for which place about 8 weeks ago, he gave 1800 l. *DP. DA* —— In the morning, Mr. Goodin, a domeſtick of her highneſs the Princeſs Amelia, was found dead in his bed. *DA.*

Yeſterday, as a bricklayer was at work at the top of a ladder near the Great Ambury, Weſtm. one of the wheels of a cart going by pull'd down the ladder, and the man died on the ſpot. *DA.* —— *If one ſuch careleſs* carter *were to be ſeverely puniſhed, it might ſave the lives of many more innocent perſons.*

Friday, *Nov.* 4. His Majeſty has been pleas'd to appoint Geo. Jackſon, Eſq; an eminent merchant at Leghorn, to be Conſul at Genoa. *G.*

Yeſterday, Will. Sands, Eſq; kiſs'd his Majeſty's hand, on being appointed a Captain in the Royal regiment of Horſe. *G.*

The rev. Mr. Boney is appointed afternoon preacher at Berwick-ſtreet chapel. *G.*

Yeſterday the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Wilmington, the Judges, &c. met in the Court of Exchequer, and nominated 3 Gentlemen in each county to ſerve the office of Sheriff. *DP. G.* —— The Duke of Dorſet, the Earl of Pembroke, the Speakers of the Houſe of Commons, Sir Char. Wager, John Verney, Eſq; *DA.*

The ſame day, a Commiſſion paſs'd the Great Seal, appointing the Archbiſhops of Canterbury and York, the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Preſident of the Council, Lord Privy Seal, the Secretaries of State, &c. to examine into the Law-fees, &c. *DP.*

Several maſters of Coffee-houſes, &c. having complained to the right hon. the Lord Mayor, of the dearneſs of the Seſſions Paper, he ordered it to be lowered to 3 d. and generouſly gave up the 120 guineas, which has hitherto been paid for the ſame. *DP. DA.*

On wedneſday Alderman Parſons arriv'd in good health from France. *LP.* —— From the Court of France. *DA.*

On tueſday 20,000 ounces of ſilver coin were entered for exportation to Holland. *LP.*

Laſt week the rev. Mr. Edw. Lye, M. A. vicar of Little Houghton, was inducted into the rectory of Yardley Haſtings, in Northamptonſhire. *G.*

Yeſterday 4 perſons were convicted before Juſtice Wroth of Oldſtreet, for ſelling Gin: 3 of whom paid 10 l. the other was committed. *G.* —— Yeſterday Hannah Woodhouſe was committed to Bridewell, by Col. Deveil, for retailing ſpirituous liquors. *LP. G.*

On monday night about 11, Cha. Whinyates, Eſq; was attack'd near Whitehall by 2 ſtreet robbers, who beat out 2 of his teeth; but he made ſuch a defence, that they were oblig'd to march off. *DA.*

On tueſday at Marybon, John Creſwell jump'd 240 yards in 59 jumps, and 2 feet over: he jump'd exactly 13 feet the laſt jump. *DA.*

Died, on wedneſday, ſuddenly, in Leadenhall-ſtreet, the Lady Porteen, relict of Sir Francis. *DP. DA. LP.* —— Yeſterday about 8 in the evening ſhe retir'd to her chamber, ſeemingly in good health, and being call'd to ſupper about 9, was found dead. *G.*

The Informer, who was mobb'd and beat in the Strand on wedneſday, is dead. This is the ſecond perſon murder'd this week for informing againſt people for ſelling Gin. *DP. G.*

Saturday, *Nov.* 5. Yeſterday, being the birth-day and wedding-day of K. William III. of *glorious memory*, was obſerv'd by all *Lovers of liberty. LP.*

The ſame day the Duke of Manchester reviewed the 100 Yeomen of the Guards and their officers in their new cloaths, and gave them 10 guineas to drink his health. *DA.*

The ſame day the Preſident and a great number of the College of Phyſicians, gave an elegant entertainment to Dr. Wigan at Pontack's, on his going to Jamaica, out of regard to that truly worthy and learned Gentleman. *DP.* —— Out of regard to the great worth and abilities. *DA.*

By letters from France we have an account, that Mr. Kelly, who eſcaped out of the Tower, had been ſome time at Avignon, as a domeſtick chaplain to the late Duke of Ormond, and was gone for Italy. *LP.*

Laſt night the corpſe of the man who inform'd againſt the cook-woman in Alderſgate-ſtreet was interr'd in Shoreditch church-yard: a prodigious mob attended it, pelting it all the way, and would not ſuffer the burial-ſervice to be perform'd. *DP.*

York, Nov. 1. Laſt week 9 priſoners in the Caſtle were removed to take their lodging in the condemn'd-hold, the other apartments being under the workmen's hands. About break of day the keepers found the door had been ſet on fire; and going in, the 9 unhappy wretches were found lying in different dreadful poſtures, having been ſuffocated by the ſmoak. *DA.*

Married, yeſterday, at Audley-ſtreet chapel, William Saunderſon, of Cheſterfield in Derbyſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Green, daughter of the late Colonel, an agreeable young lady with 12,000 l. *DP.*

Died, on thurſday night, in Marlborough-ſtreet, Rob. Briſtow, Eſq; one of the Clerks Comptrollers of the board of Green-cloth. *DA.* —— Yeſterday morning: member of parliament for Winchelſea. *DP. LP.* —— A place worth upwards of 1000 l. per ann. *DP.*

Yeſterday a woman was found dead in a field adjoining to St. Mary le Bone, ſuppos'd to have been murder'd. *DP.*

Monday, *Nov.* 7. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Egerton preach'd before their Majeſties, &c. *DA.*

Saturday being the anniverſary of the Gun-powder treaſon plot, &c. was obſerved with great demonſtrations of joy, &c. *LP.* —— The Lord Mayor, &c. went to St. Paul's, and heard an excellent ſermon preach'd by the rev. Mr. Thomas, his Lordſhip's Chaplain. *DA. G.*

Sir Will. Wyndham, Bart. is ſet out for France for the recovery of his health. *LP.*

His Majeſty has been pleas'd to promiſe his moſt gracious pardon to any one who ſhall diſcover his accomplices, in ſending a threatning letter to Mr. Will. Camden or Mr. Rich. Holand, in Hornſy: Mr. Camden likewiſe promiſes 20 l. *LP.*

Laſt ſaturday night the City Marſhal, with ſome aſſiſtants, detected ſeveral perſons who had foreſtall'd the Fleet-market, and one butcher who had ſent ſome unwholeſome meat to be ſold there; the meat was carry'd before the Lord Mayor, and afterwards burnt in Guildhall yard. *DP. DA.*

They write from Exeter, that as ſome fiſhermen near that city drew their net to ſhore, to their great ſurprize, a creature of a human ſhape, having two legs, leap'd out of the net and ran away with great ſwiftneſs; and they not being able to overtake it, knock'd it down by throwing ſticks after it: at their coming up to it, it was dying, and groan'd like a human creature. Its feet were webb'd like a duck's, had eyes, noſe and mouth reſembling thoſe of a man, only the noſe ſomewhat depreſs'd; it had a tail not unlike that of a ſalmon, turning up towards its back; it is four feet in height, and now publickly ſhewn at Exeter. *DP.* —— This account comes from a Gentleman of undoubted credit and reputation. *DA. LP. G.*

On friday and ſaturday Will. Gowen, Faith Arthur, and Deborah Chiffey, were convicted before Col De Veil, for retailing ſpirituous liquors, and paid the penalties to the Informers and Overſeers. *LP. G.*

A gentleman going along Fleet-ſtreet, ſome few nights ſince, had his pocket pick'd of his handkerchief, and calling to the watchman to ſtop the thief, he got out of the way; the gentleman aſking the reaſon of his negligence, found him to be a cripple, and that he got out of the thief's way for fear of being run over: the gentleman going to the next watchman, ask'd him why he did not ſtop him; who told the gentleman that he had but one eye, and the thief ran by him on his blind ſide: but it is to be hoped, that as we ſhall ſhortly be obliged to pay for our watch by Act of Parliament, the ſtreets will not be watch'd by blind men nor cripples. *G.* —— *A juſt banter on the preſent ſet of* Watch-men.

Died, laſt week, in his 72d year, the right hon. Cha. Earl of Selkirk, unmarry'd. *LP.* —— On friday, in Kennington-lane, the Lady Shard, wife of Sir Iſaac, in her 74th year. *LP.* —— She had 19 ſons and daughters, and had the peſtilence in 1665. *DA.* —— On ſaturday. *DP.* —— On friday night, Mr. St. Hill, ſurveyor general of the land-carriage officers of the Cuſtom-houſe. *DP.* —— On ſaturday, in Red-lyon ſtreet, Clerkenwell, Mr. Boſley, aged 70, the ſenior general ſurveyor of the Excile. *DA* —— Yeſterday, Mr. John Higden, an eminent linnen-draper in Milk-ſtreet. *DA. LP.* —— The laſt account that came, was, that his Lordſhip was much better. *DA. Nov.* 8.

Yeſterday two boys, about 16 years of age, quarelling in the Bowling green, Southwark, conſented to determine the affair by boxing, and with the ſecond blow in the battle, one knock'd the other down, and kill'd him upon the ſpot. *DP.*

Laſt ſaturday morning a man well dreſs'd, who ſeem'd to be about 50 years of age, was found hanging in the Saw-pit near the mill by the New-river head. *DP. DA.*

Tuesday, *Nov.* 8. We hear numbers of the inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Weſtminſter, are determin'd to diſpute the payment of *Head-pence*, claim'd of every houſe-keeper by the High-ſteward, purſuant to the charter of Weſtminſter. *LP.*

On friday Dr. Richardſon, Maſter of Emanuel College in Cambridge, was choſen Vice-chancellor. *DP.*

On ſaturday morning Mr. Forteſcue, a young gentleman of Oxfordſhire, going into the Oxford ſtage-coach, at the end of New Bond-ſtreet, and a man giving him a brace of piſtols, one went off, the balls of which went thro' his ruffles, the ſleeves of his coat, and the back of the coach; but happily did no damage, tho' there were 6 paſſengers. *G.*

They have received Letters in the North of Ireland from Scotland, which gave an account, that Mr. Will. Ballantine, miniſter of Yarrow, in the Presbytery of Selkirk, read Capt. Porteous's Act the firſt ſunday of laſt month to his auditory, conſiſting of his own wife, his maid-ſervant, and the bell-man. *LP.*

Yeſterday a report was rais'd at Change, that the Spaniſh and Dutch men of war had an engagement in the Weſt Indies, in which the Admiral of the latter was kill'd; and that the former had taken two Engliſh and two Dutch ſhips. —— But 'tis likely this extraordinary piece of news was calculated to ſerve ſome private end. *LP.*

Yeſterday 3 perſons were committed to Tothill-fields Bridewell, by Juſtice Cotton, for retailing ſpirituous liquors. *G.*

Canterbury, Nov. 5. Laſt ſunday evening 8 ſmugglers broke out of Dover-caſtle; they afterwards, as 'tis ſaid, took a boat out of the Pier, and made their eſcape to France. Only two ſmugglers now remain in that caſtle. *LP.*

Died, on thurſday at Bath, the rev. Mr. Lamplugh, Rector of Alton and Sutton Mandeville, Prebendary of York and Lincoln. *DA* ——Yeſterday in Sackville-ſtreet, Piccadilly, Will Eaſt, Eſq; *DP, DA. G.* —— Sir Rich. Brocas, Knt. Alderman of Faringdon ward within. *DP.* —— In Bread-ſtreet. *DA. LP. G.*

Wednesday, *Nov.* 9. His Majeſty has been pleas'd to appoint Mr. Bilderbeck to be his Principal Secretary of State, and Mr. Meyer, Secretary at war, for Hanover. *DP.* — Mr. Belderbeck. *G.* — We hear they will be appointed. *DA.*

Yeſterday the great Cauſe between Lord Abergavenny and Lord Conyers, concerning the manor of Tunbridge-wells, was determin'd in favour of the former. *DP.* —— Lord Abergavenny and ſeveral owners of houſes Plaintiffs, and Maurice Conyers, Eſq; Defendant; in the King's-bench, which laſted from 10 on monday morning to 4 yeſterday morning, when the Jury brought in a verdict for the Plaintiffs. *DA.* — Maur. Conyers, Eſq; Plaintiff, and Lord Abergavenny, &c. Defend. the Jury gave a verdict for the Defendants. *LP.* —— *The* DA. *is right as to* Plaintiff *and* Defendant: *but the* DP. DA. *and* LP. *are all wrong as to the* verdict.

It appears by Entries at the Exciſe-office, that ſo much ſpirituous liquors was never diſtill'd in any 3 months, as in Aug. Sept. and Nov. laſt: and upwards of 350 perſons are in confinement, within the Bills of mortality for ſelling it. *DA.*—In the ſeveral Bridewells. *G.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

Hyp-Oratorial Puffs, *blown from* Clare-market, *for a fortnight, in order to put off* ſtale, meggotty Calves Heads, *with* tongue *only, without the* brains.

Extract from an Advertiſement. —— 'Londinenſis is 'expected to make good his Letters, in a publick Diſputation, on theſe Queſtions, (M. H. Reſpondent) ..... '2. Whether an Eſſay on the Sickneſs in London, publiſh'd in the *Hyp-Doctor* on Tueſday laſt, be a bad performance.' *DA. Oct.* 21. 22 *LP. Oct.* 22. —— 'In 'the Hyp-Doctor, this day publiſh'd, is a Diſcourſe, &c.' *LP. Oct.* 25. —— 'One of the Select Orations, to be 'had at Mrs. Dodd's, and at the Oratory, is on a Point 'hitherto unattempted, &c.' *LP. Oct.* 26. —— 'In 'the Hyp-Doctor publiſh'd this Day by Mr. Roberts, 'are Letters, &c.' *LP. Nov.* 1. —— Mr. Conundrum *obſerves, that a conſtant daily or weekly* Ordinary, *muſt be very* ordinary *indeed, which ſtands in need of a daily or weekly* Bill of fare.

'Mr. H. will ſet out theſe Queſtions to publick diſpu-'tation. ..... 2. Whether a juſt Criticiſm on any one

‘ of the Laureat’s Odes for Nov. 5. can be produced?. *DA. Oct.* 28. 29. —— *This is altered in the LP. Oct.* 29. *to*, ‘Whether a juſt Criticiſm on the Laureat’s Birth-day ‘ Odes be juſt.’ —— *The former State of the* Queſtion *is about* nothing, the Laureat *having written no* Ode for Nov. 5. *and the latter State of it, either mere* quibbling, *or* nonſenſe.

‘ The Religion of the Oratory is on this Teſt, that a ‘ Profeſſor of it can prove it true, and any contrary falſe. ‘ and no Profeſſor of a contrary can do the ſame by his.’ *LP. Oct.* 20. —— ‘ A Thouſand Guineas to a Hun- ‘ dred, one Diſputant againſt three, that the Religion and ‘ Plan of, the Oratory prove any contrary falſe, and they ‘ do not the like by that, to any cowardly Reviler.’ *LP. Oct.* 28. —— *Did not* Fools (*according to* HUDIBRAS) for arguments lay wagers, *one might lay* 1000 *to* 1, *that this is nonſenſe.* That the Religion and Plan of the Oratory [*not the* one Diſputant] prove, &c. — And They [*in the moſt obvious Grammatical conſtruction*, The Religion and Plan] do not the like by that, *viz.* the Religion and Plan.* *But ſuppoſe* They *muſt refer to the word* Three *going at ſome diſtance before; is it not very obſcure?* — To any cowardly Reviler. *Sure it is eaſy enough to prove any thing againſt the* ORATOR to a cowardly Reviler *of him But if he intended to challenge* any cowardly Reviler *to lay the wager; the challenge ſhould have run*, A thouſand guineas to a hundred, to [*with*] any cowardly Reviler, one Diſputant, &c. *As it runs now, all the words between* Hundred *and* To any, *muſt be ſuppoſed to be included, either in a* Parentheſis, *or a* Paratheſis. *Admirable perſpicuity and Oratory!*

‘ I affirm and can prove that there is an encreaſing num- ‘ ber of Clergymen of the Church of England, who now ‘ write for the Principles of the Oratory. J. HENLEY.’ *LP. Nov.* 2. —— *And tho’ you may* affirm, *yet* can *you* prove, *out of your* Oratory, *that the* number *of* Adventurers *there* is encreaſing?

Extract of an Advertiſement. ‘ Any Perſon who can ‘ refute, ſhewing his Religion, either, ſhall have a Silver ‘ Medal.’ *DA. Oct.* 28. 29. — *This nonſenſe is varied in the* LP. *Oct.* 29. *thus*, ‘ Any Perſon who ſhewing his ‘ Religion, can refute ours, ſhall have a Proſelyte, and a ‘ Gold Medal.’ — Any perſon, *it ſeems*, who can refute EITHER, ſhall have a Silver Medal; who can refute OURS, a Gold Medal, and a Proſelyte. *Of what metal is the laſt? Braſs?*

‘ A Gold Medal of the Oratory, is, on the new Scheme ‘ to be ſeen there, demonſtratively worth double the pur- ‘ chaſe money.’ *LP. Oct.* 27. —— But *may not that* new Scheme *reſemble the* new Lottery Scheme, *and be capable of* contrary Demonſtrations?

‘ Not only all the Advantages that are in other ‘ Churches and Aſſemblies and more, without the Ob- ‘ jections, but a greater Gain attends the purchaſe of Pla- ‘ ces in the Oratory, by the Scheme.’ *LP. Oct.* 31. —— ‘ A Tradeſman purchaſing a Place in the Oratory, does ‘ not only gain in Money, but has a particular advantage ‘ over a Rival or Enemy in his Buſineſs.’ *LP. Nov.* 3. —— *Is the* primitive Religion *of the* Oratory, *at laſt openly recommended as preferable to that of all* Churches, *chiefly becauſe its* Godlineſs *is* Gain, *will promote the Proſelyte’s* trade, *and diſtreſs his* rival or enemy?

‘ Mr. Henley thanks the Snarler for confeſſing his ſu- ‘ periority by railing at him, and deſires him to grin, ‘ while Mr. H. ſmiles.’ *LP. Oct.* 21. —— *This refers to ſome* Reflections *upon his* Puffs, *and ſome* Verſes *inſerted in the* Grub-ſtreet Journal, No. 408. *The truth of his* thanks, deſire, *and* ſmiling, *is evident from the two following* Puffs. —— ‘ A Perſon is remonſtrating to the ‘ Quakers againſt one of their Body, a Printer in Chan- ‘ cery-Lane, deſtroying them, by a ſcandalous injuſtice ‘ to, and miſrepreſentation of, a Friend.’ *LP. Oct.* 24. —— *Did he* remonſtrate *againſt our* Printer, *with a* ſmiling *countenance, on the account of an* injuſtice, *for which he had returned* thanks? —— ‘ Mr. Orator tells ‘ A. O. Anonymous, Author of ſcurrilous Verſes on him, ‘ that he owes him a Blow for every Line, and will ‘ Clare-market his Calf’s-Head.’ *LP. Oct.* 29. —— A. O. Anonymous *declared, in the* Introduction *to thoſe* Verſes, *that the* Author was dead.—*Did* Mr. Orator ſmile, *when, in conſequence of his* thanks, *he threatened theſe* 40 blows, *with his* Clare-market cleaver, *on* A. O’s calf’s-head? —— *Did he not* grin, *when he furiouſly bark’d, and drivel’d out that frothy, raving ſtuff, publiſhed againſt us in the* LP. *Nov.* 5. *calling a Right Reverend Lord of Parliament*, a perfidious Pr—e [i. e. Prelate]; *and ſaying, that his* Conſcience is worſe than the mouth of a Cannon? *Yet this is* the man, *who, at the ſame time, declares he* neither injures, nor juſtly offends any perſon; *and complains ſo loudly of being* miſrepreſented and defam’d in ſcurrilous, inhumane Verſes, &c.

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